

HOUSE BILL 3031

By Ramsey

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-11-622 and Title 56, relative to justifiable use of force.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-11-622(a)(1), is amended by deleting the language “civil liability” and by substituting instead the language “criminal prosecution and civil action”.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56, Chapter 1, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

56-1-1\_\_.

(a) The commissioner shall conduct a study of Tennessee’s insurance laws to locate what impediments, if any, exist under the insurance laws or policies of this state that may be acting as deterrents for insurance companies in this state to underwrite policies of insurance to insure a person who has used force that is justified, including deadly force, in protecting that person’s self or property pursuant to § 39-11-622 or any other law.

(b) The commissioner shall report the results of such a study to the general assembly and to the governor no later than March 1, 2011, with recommendations on how this type of insurance could and whether it should, in the commissioner’s opinion, become available to Tennessee residents.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.